

**Constitution Revision Commission  
General Provisions Committee  
Proposal Analysis**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the proposal as of the latest date listed below.)

Proposal #: P 12

Relating to: MISCELLANEOUS, repeal s. 19

Introducer(s): Commissioner Timmann

Article/Section affected:

Date: November 25, 2017

|    | REFERENCE | ACTION             |
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| 1. | GP        | <b>Pre-meeting</b> |

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**I. SUMMARY:**

This proposal deletes section 19 of Article X of the Florida Constitution, regarding the development of a high speed ground transportation system. The section was repealed in 2004 and is no longer in effect.

**II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:**

**A. PRESENT SITUATION:**

In November of 2000, Florida voters approved a constitutional amendment<sup>1</sup> mandating the construction of a high speed ground transportation system for the state. The amendment required the use of train technologies that operate at speeds in excess of 120 miles per hour. The high speed rail system was to link the five largest urban areas in Florida, and construction was mandated to begin by November 1, 2003.<sup>2</sup> To implement the constitutional amendment, the Florida Legislature enacted the Florida High-Speed Rail Authority Act<sup>3</sup> and created the Florida High Speed Rail Authority in 2002. In November 2004, however, the high speed rail constitutional amendment was repealed.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Art. X, s. 19, Fla. Const. was created through citizen initiative. See Florida Department of State website for more information regarding the High Speed Rail Amendment

<http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/initdetail.asp?account=30427&seqnum=1> (last visited 11/25/17).

<sup>2</sup> Section 341.8202, F.S. (2002).

<sup>3</sup> Sections 341.8201 through 341.842, F.S.

<sup>4</sup> Art X., s. 19, Fla. Const. was repealed by citizen initiative. See Florida Department of State website for more information regarding the repeal of the High Speed Rail Amendment

<http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/initdetail.asp?account=34876&seqnum=2> (last visited 11/25/17).

**B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:**

The proposal deletes an obsolete provision regarding the development and operation of a high speed ground transportation system for the State of Florida that was repealed in 2004.

**C. FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**III. Additional Information:**

**A. Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the current version and the prior version of the proposal.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

**C. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**D. Related Issues:**

None.